# News release

## Winter in the groove

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The Civil Contingencies Act (2004) aims to improve the UK's resilience to disruptive events such as severe weather. In support of this, the Met Office issues warnings when the weather has the potential to threaten the day-to-day running of the nation.

Met Office forecasters have been issuing warnings of cold weather for several days now and the infrastructure of the country will continue to be tested this week as cold, easterly winds bring sub-zero temperatures and the risk of snow to many areas. Although many of us haven't seen any snow yet this year, be warned; forecasters are keenly watching developments through this week, with a real possibility of some significant snow in the south.

The expertise and chains of communication involved in keeping the country moving during spells of severe weather are enormous. From the nation's major sporting events, transport networks and energy systems, through to the health service and even the lagging on water pipes in people's homes, many individuals and teams are working flat out to mitigate the effects of the weather.

Regularly updated weather forecasts are available through TV, radio and the Met Office web site, and anyone planning to make journeys is advised to check out the latest forecast and travel conditions.

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